

New Traffic Laws

Below are a couple of the new traffic laws that took effect on **September 1, 2003**.

1. Drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles, with lights activated, must either slow down to 20 mph below posted speed limit or change lanes if multiple lanes (in the same direction) exist.
2. It is illegal to add reflective material, lights, emblems or anything else that changes the color of the license plate or makes it difficult to read the letters on the license plate. The name of the state where the vehicle is registered must also be visible.

NOTE: *An email has been circulating, claiming that a law passed and took effect on September 1, 2003, outlawing talking on a cell phone while driving or without using a hands-free device. This bill did not pass and did not take effect. However, using a cell phone while driving is not a safe practice and is not recommended.*

For more information and a list of all the new traffic laws visit the link below:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/pr081903b.htm

